discussions, conferences etc. It has also published Guides for the Information Seekers, the Central Public Information Officers, the First Appellate Authorities, the Public Authorities, etc.

Tenure of DC in Jharkhand

1954. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is aware of the fact that in Jharkhand, the average tenure of a District Collector is less than one year and that of the Secretary to Government less than even six months;

(b) whether the Central Government issued guidelines to State Government that such frequent transfers of key personnel should be avoided in the interest of good governance; and

(c) whether the Central Government consider it necessary to reiterate instructions in this regard and ensure their strict implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (c) Transfers/postings of the All India Service officers working in connection with the affairs of the State Government, come within the purview of the State Governments. However, in order to ensure good governance, the Central Government has notified two years' minimum tenure of postings for all the cadre posts of the IAS, except the post of Chief Secretary for 13 States. For the State of Jharkhand, this was notified *vide* GSR No. 78(E), dated 8.2.2008. All the 13 State Governments have already been requested *vide* letter dated 16th April, 2008, to strictly observe the provisions of the notification that provide two years' fixed tenure for the cadre posts of the IAS, except the post of Chief Secretary.

Employment in rural areas

†1955. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to create adequate employment opportunities in rural areas and small towns during the present Five Year Plan in view of stopping mass exodus of rural population in Metro cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the Central schemes which are proposed to be sponsored in this regard; and

(d) the amount fixed for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) The Eleventh Plan document projects employment generation of 58 million employment opportunities over the Eleventh plan period both in rural and urban areas of the country. These will be generated mainly in the services and labour intensive manufacturing

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sectors. The Government is also implementing a number of schemes for employment generation in the rural and urban areas. These schemes are expected to improve the well being of the people and discourage migration.

(c) and (d) Major employment generation schemes implemented by the Government and the Eleventh Plan outlay provided for these schemes is as given below:—

	Scheme	Outlay (Rs. crore)
1.	National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme	100,000
2.	Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana	17,803
3.	Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program	5,500
4.	Swaran Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana	1,750

Transfer of Centrally sponsored projects to States

†1956. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to transfer Centrally sponsored projects to concerned States;

(b) if so, the details of the projects to be transferred to States, State-wise;

(c) the details regarding the nature of the projects after the transfer;

(d) whether they would be kept intact and financial assistance would be provided as earlier; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government, at present.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Identification of infrastructural projects

1957. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some infrastructural projects have been identified for fast track completion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) The Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC) has approved 44

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